

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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- **MISSION STATEMENT:**
“Our Mission is to encourage and promote safe, quality development and construction in the City of Salina.”
- **UPCOMING BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATES:**
May 14
June 11
July 9

BAB Meetings are at 4:00 p.m. in Rm. 107 of the City County Building at 300 W. Ash.

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- BAB meeting agendas
- Code Changes and Administrative Interpretations
- Continuing Education Opportunities

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**Be
Safe!**



City Adopts Radon Methods Code

On March 11, 2013 the Salina City Commission adopted Appendix F, Radon Control Methods of the 2006 International Residential Code, with local code amendments. When the 2006 IRC was originally adopted in 2009, Appendix F was “removed by local amendment”, meaning it was not included in the adoption and therefore was not a code requirement in the Salina Municipal Code.

This past year, the Building Advisory Board generally discussed this appendix and more recently they established a committee to review this appendix in further detail. The committee, consisting of BAB members and City staff, also accepted input from Bruce Snead with Kansas State University, Chad Robinson with Building Performance Co., Mike Flory with the Homebuilders Association, and Chad Esterl with the Salina/Saline County Health Department.

The committee reviewed Appendix F in detail, reached a consensus, and reported back to the Building Advisory Board with their findings and recommendation. The BAB discussed further and finalized a recommendation, for consideration by the City Commission, to adopt Appendix F with local amendments.

What does this mean to the contractor?

Effective **June 15, 2013** all new one and two family dwellings, in the city limits of Salina, will be required to meet the code requirements of Appendix F.

The Building Services Division has an EPA booklet titled “Building Radon Out” and will furnish these (while supplies last) to contractors who construct one and two family dwellings.

To obtain a copy of the ordinance (Ordinance No. 13-10676) adopting Appendix F with local amendments, please contact Building Services at 785-309-5715 or email us at building.services@salina.org and we will send it to you (via email).

For more information about radon, visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website at <http://www.kdheks.gov/beh/index.html>.



NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS



REMINDER

CSST Bonding Requirements

Bonding of CSST gas piping will be enforced according to the manufacturer's installation instructions.

For single family, single family attached, duplexes and multi-family structures:

- A single bond connection shall be made downstream of the individual gas meter for each housing unit and upstream of any CSST connection.
- Connect only to the black iron pipe or the brass nut for the CSST. Do **NOT** connect to the CSST itself.
- The bonding conductor shall be no smaller than a 6 AWG copper wire or equivalent.
- The bonding jumper shall be attached in an approved manner in accordance with NEC Article 250.70 and the point of attachment for the bonding jumper shall be accessible.
- Bonding/grounding clamps shall be installed in accordance with its listing per UL467; shall make metal-to-metal contact with the piping. This bond is in addition to other bonding requirements specified by local codes.

Inspections of new gas meters will not be approved for release until the above conditions are met. If you have any questions please contact Building Services inspection staff.

REMINDER, Continuing Education

Most of the Class A, B, C, D building contractor licenses will expire on **Dec. 31, 2013**. The qualified individual, as declared/listed on the contractor's license, must obtain **18 hours of continuing education, 9 of which must be code classes**.



KEEP IT CLEAN! Reminder to all contractors

Please keep your construction sites clean. This includes clearing the site/area of construction debris and trash as well as mowing or trimming grass and weeds throughout the construction period.

If a citizen files a complaint or an inspector discovers trash and debris not being contained or grass and weeds not being mowed, a written notice of violation will be issued to the property owner for any confirmed code violations.

THANK-YOU!

REMINDER

Concrete Encased Electrode (Uffer ground)

The 2005 National Electric Code requires grounding to comply with Section 250.20. This is now most commonly accomplished with a concrete encased electrode (Uffer ground) installed in the foundation system of new houses, new commercial structures and sometimes on additions. We would like to remind all general contractors to remind their framing crews that these pieces of rebar sticking out of the foundation are not a mistake. We have had several instances where these grounding elements have been cut off and this causes problems for the electrician when they come back to install the service. Please be sure that these grounding electrodes remain in place so they can be used to ground the electrical service at a later date.

For Everyone's Safety

For
Your
Safety



For
Your
Child's
Safety

Did You Know?

1. A City of Salina pool permit is required for a swimming pool capable of holding more than 24 inches of water.
2. Inspections of the pool location, associated electrical work, and fence are required.
3. The City of Salina cares about your safety.

Have Fun & Be Safe!



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Building Advisory Board Update

Board Members / Board Position:

Don Marrs, Chairman (architect)
Daryl Bixby, Co-Chairman (B or C contractor)
Kenny Hancock (engineer)
Jim Manley (engineer)
Vernie Stillings (A or B contractor)
Carlin Zuker (licensed electrician)
Mike Prester (HVAC contractor)
Gary Palmateer (master plumber)
Duane Grace (plumbing contractor)
Steve Barnett (electrical contractor)
Mike Flory, (licensed realtor)

Items on the 2013 Board Action Plan:

- Review of permit requirements for dormant gas services
- Review of 2009 & 2012 building codes for possible adoption
- Contractor discipline
- Commercial kitchen hoods

If you would like to present an item to the Building Advisory Board, please contact:

- Kelly Shotigian at kelly.shotigian@salina.org,
- Elvin DeVorss at elvin.devorss@salina.org
- Sue Cline at sue.cline@salina.org

New Software / New Look

City of Salina staff recently completed training for a new software program that will manage data and activity related to all areas of development. This software (GovPartner) is a web based product with various modules, including code compliance, building projects/permits, planning, and contractor licensing. Our goal is to set up processes within GovPartner to assist us in better serving you.

This past November we began using the code compliance module, which assists staff in documenting all activities related to code compliance for the nuisance code and the minimum housing code.

On March 25, 2013 we “went live” with the building project module. This module contains permits issued for construction as well as sign permits and limited service and repair (LSR) permits. For those of you who obtain permits you will notice that the building permit and the job card have a new look. The process to request an inspection has not changed; you will still need the permit number and address when requesting an inspection.

We eventually plan to offer online access so that a contractor, property owner or design professional can check the status of a permit application or see the results of an inspection performed for building permit. Later this year we will implement the planning and licensing modules.

Staff is still learning how to navigate the software, so if it takes us a little longer to assist you when you call for an inspection or come in to pick up a permit we thank you in advance for your patience.